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For: STORAGE OPERATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND
METHOD AND A STORAGE MANAGEMENT COMPUTERAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

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REPLY

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2005,
please amend the above application as set forth below.